

### R E M A R K S

Careful review and examination of the subject application are noted and appreciated.

### CLAIM OBJECTIONS

The objection to claims 9-11 has been obviated by appropriate amendment and should be withdrawn. The suggestions made by the Examiner have been incorporated. The objection to claim 11 is not clear. Claim 11 has not been amended.

### CLAIM REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §112

The rejection of claims 6, 9-12 and 17 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, has been obviated by appropriate amendment/is respectfully traversed and should be withdrawn.

The rejection of claims 6 and 9 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, has been obviated by appropriate amendment and should be withdrawn. Claims 6 and 9 now refer to a lock circuit, which is consistent with FIG. 1 and the specification.

The rejection of claims 9 and 10 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, has been obviated by appropriate amendment and should be withdrawn. Claims 9 and 10 have been amended to incorporate the examiner's suggestions.

The rejection of claim 12 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, has been obviated by appropriate amendment and should be

withdrawn. Claim 12 has been amended to more closely resemble claim 13, which has been allowed.

The rejection of claim 17 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, has been obviated by appropriate amendment and should be withdrawn.

The rejection to claim 11 is not clear. Claim 11 may properly depend on another claim. Claim 11 has appropriate basis in claim 9. Clarification is requested or the rejection should be withdrawn.

As such, the presently claimed invention is fully patentable over the cited references and the rejection should be withdrawn.

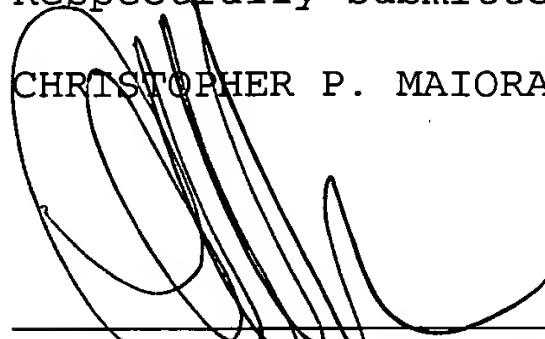
Accordingly, the present application is in condition for allowance. Early and favorable action by the Examiner is respectfully solicited.

The Examiner is respectfully invited to call the Applicants' representative should it be deemed beneficial to further advance prosecution of the application.

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Respectfully submitted,

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